THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) CGHS Dispensary, Darya Ganj is located in a building which was acquired by CGHS from a private owner. One wing of the building is beyond economical repair and needs to be demolished. The other two wings of the building need special repairs which can be done on vacation of the building. CGHS authorities have been requested by CPWD to give vacant possession of the building for carrying out the repairs.

Shortage of drinking water in Government Quarters in Darya Ganj

1589. PROF. M. SHANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 562 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Government quarters attached to the CGHS Dispensary, Darya Ganj have been facing acute shortage of drinking water since 1996;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when they represented the matter during 1996 a temporary arrangement was made and water was supplied for a certain period; and

(c) whether Government would consider making a permanent arrangement to supply drinking water in the area?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Complaints have been received from residents regarding shortage of water, especially in summer.

(b) and (c) In the year 1996 in addition to 1/2" water connection, a temporary connection was given by Delhi Jal Board for the dispensary and for the attached staff quarters, which is still existing. Shortage of water occurs in the area because of inadequate pressure in water mains of Delhi Jal Board. A storage tank has been provided for collection of water and pumping the same to various residences as a regular arrangement.